## Executive Order No. 2018-44

## Release of Remaining Mandatory Medical Evacuations Due to Effects of Hurricane Florence

**WHEREAS,** on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Florence and placing into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 24, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-42, declaring a State of Emergency due to the Major Disaster Declaration for South Carolina issued by the President of the United States of America and the damage assessed in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence; and

**WHEREAS,** due to expected severe flooding in the rivers and areas of the State, an effect of Hurricane Florence, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-40 on September 21, 2018, and Executive Order 2018-43 on September 25, 2018, evacuating the following facilities:

South Island Assisted Living, CRC-1272 2902 South Island Road Georgetown, SC 29440

Blue Ridge Healthcare, Georgetown, NCF-0633 2715 South Island Road Georgetown, SC 29440

Grand Strand Rehab and Nursing Center, NCF-0993 4452 Socastee Blvd Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Oasis Residential Home, CRC-1219 2317 Prince Street Georgetown, SC 29440-2925

Tidelands Georgetown Memorial Hospital, HTL-0007 606 Black River Road Georgetown, SC 29440

**WHEREAS,** as flooding no longer poses an imminent threat to South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that it is appropriate to lift the evacuation orders for these health care facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE,** by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, effective October 1, 2018, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation orders for the above-named healthcare facilities as published in Executive Orders 2018-40 and 2018-43.

Further Proclamations and Orders deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four-hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

HENRY MCMASTER Governor